

September 27, 1946

MINUTES OF AD HOC SWNMC COMMITTEE ON PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE - 26 September 1946.

1. Attendance: Mr. William Stone, Chairman, State Dept., Office, International Information and Cultural Affairs.  
Colonel Dana Johnson, WDGS, Intelligence.  
Captain Thurber, USN.

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Mr. Tyler, State Dept., Office, International Information and Cultural Affairs.

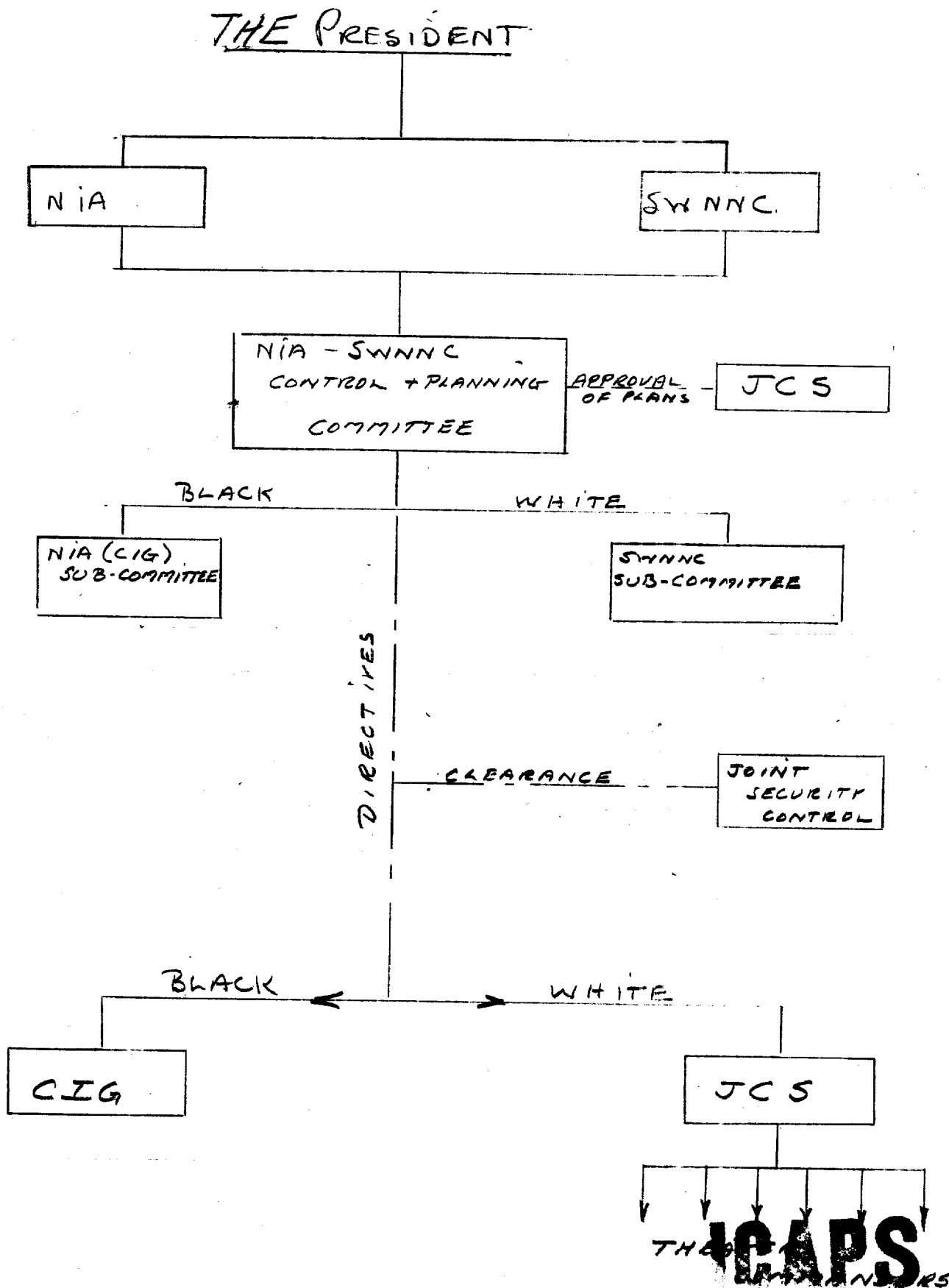
2. Colonel Johnson submitted summary of War Department activities in Psychological Warfare during war.
3. Mr. Tyler who has been working as chairman of a State Department Committee under Mr. Stone on this subject, submitted two committee papers:
- a. "Shortcomings of World War II Organization for Psychological Warfare."
  - b. "Notes on the terms: Political and Psychological Warfare."
4. Mr. Tyler discussed peacetime function of the Government and it was generally agreed that peacetime operations could cover only "white" operations, but that cover was required for these activities. State Department in Office, International Information and Cultural Affairs could handle the subject more efficiently.
5. It was generally agreed that in view of NIA Directive No. 5, CIG would conduct all "black" operations.
6. After prolonged discussion, a chart of wartime organization was involved. See attached.
7. Captain Thurber believed that the committee should agree on a wartime organization and then consider the peacetime organization.  
(Note: This has the disadvantage of not considering the transition of the peacetime organization to war footing. The danger of serious disruption to continuity of operations must be considered.)
8. Colonel Johnson was requested to submit a recommended theater organization at the next meeting.
9. The next meeting was set for 1430 on 3 October 1946 in Room 159, State Department Building.

NSC review(s) completed.

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### Psychological Warfare Operations

The ultimate objective of each psychological warfare operation is:

- (a) To assist in overcoming the enemy's will to resist, or
- (b) To assist in breaking the social and moral cohesion of the enemy, or
- (c) To assist in confusing, or deceiving, the enemy command.

The psychological warfare operation may be aimed primarily at civil or at military targets, or at both, or at individuals in responsible positions.

Psychological warfare is a potent offensive weapon, especially when furthering successful military operations.

It must be carefully integrated with current intelligence and the military operations. For that reason control of psychological warfare operations is a command function of the highest command level actually involved.

Psychological warfare operations of all kinds including propaganda must be prepared and carried out by specially trained personnel and the dissemination of psychological warfare materials may require special means of delivery when operations conceived for other reasons cannot serve that purpose also.

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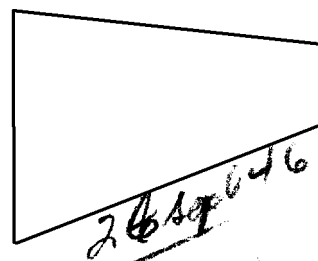
DEFINITIONS

1. Psychological Warfare - The planned use of any means specifically designed to affect the thought, morale, or behavior of a given group for a strategic, national defense or military purpose.
2. Psychological Warfare - The planned use of intrinsically non-combat means specifically designed to affect the thought, morale, or behavior of any group of people for the ultimate purpose of strategic or military advantage over an actual or potential enemy.
3. Propaganda - Propaganda is "the planned use of any form, means, or media of communication, to disseminate news, information, special arguments and appeals designed to influence the beliefs, thoughts and actions of any given group".

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The planned use of any means specifically designed to influence the thought, morale or behavior of a given foreign group favorably toward the accomplishment of the national, strategic or military aims of the United States.



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